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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

MEDICINE TO GO PHARMACIES, INC., on behalf of plaintiff and the class members defined herein,)
Plaintiff,)
VS.)
SHERALVEN ENTRPRISES, LTD., and JOHN DOES 1-10,)
Defendants.)

<u>COMPLAINT - CLASS ACTION</u>

INTRODUCTION

1. Plaintiff Medicine To Go Pharmacies, Inc., brings this action to secure redress for the actions of defendant Sheralven Enterprises, Ltd., in sending or causing the sending of unlawful advertisements to telephone facsimile machines in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §227 ("TCPA").

PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff, Medicine To Go Pharmacies, Inc. is a corporation with offices at 528 West Lacey Road, Forked River, New Jersey 08731, where it maintains telephone facsimile equipment.
 - 3. Defendant, Sheralven Enterprises, Ltd., is a New York limited company that has

offices at Two Rodeo Drive, Edgewood, New York 11717.

4. Defendants John Does 1-10 are other natural or artificial persons that were involved in the sending of the facsimile advertisements described below. Plaintiff does not know who they are.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§1331 and 1367. *Mims v. Arrow Financial Services, LLC*, 132 S. Ct. 740, 751-53 (2012).
 - 6. Venue in this District is proper for the same reason.

FACTS

- 7. On March 23, 2015, plaintiff, Medicine To Go Pharmacies, Inc., received the fax advertisement attached as Exhibit A on its facsimile machine.
 - 8. Discovery may reveal the transmission of additional faxes as well.
- 9. Defendant Sheralven Enterprises, Ltd., is responsible for sending or causing the sending of the fax.
- 10. Defendant Sheralven Enterprises, Ltd., as the entity whose products or services were advertised in the fax, derived economic benefit from the sending of the fax.
- 11. Defendant Sheralven Enterprises, Ltd., either negligently or wilfully violated the rights of plaintiff and other recipients in sending the fax.
- 12. The faxes have a "remove" number at the bottom that is associated with the mass broadcasting of advertising faxes.
- 13. The TCPA makes unlawful the "use of any telephone facsimile machine, computer or other device to send an unsolicited advertisement to a telephone facsimile machine ..." 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(1)(C).
- 14. The TCPA provides for affirmative defenses of consent or an established business relationship. Both defenses are conditioned on the provision of an opt out notice that complies with the TCPA. *Holtzman v. Turza*, 728 F.3d 682 (7th Cir. 2013); *Nack v. Walburg*, 715 F.3d

680 (8th Cir. 2013).

- 15. On information and belief, the faxes attached hereto were sent as part of a mass broadcasting of faxes.
- 16. On information and belief, defendants have transmitted similar fax advertisements to at least 40 other persons in this District.
- 17. There is no reasonable means for plaintiff or other recipients of defendants' advertising faxes to avoid receiving illegal faxes. Fax machines must be left on and ready to receive the urgent communications authorized by their owners.

COUNT I – TCPA

- 18. Plaintiff incorporates \P ¶ 1-17.
- 19. The TCPA, 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(3), provides:

Private right of action.

A person or entity may, if otherwise permitted by the laws or rules of court of a State, bring in an appropriate court of that State—

- (A) an action based on a violation of this subsection or the regulations prescribed under this subsection to enjoin such violation,
- (B) an action to recover for actual monetary loss from such a violation, or to receive \$500 in damages for each such violation, whichever is greater, or
- (C) both such actions.

If the Court finds that the defendant willfully or knowingly violated this subsection or the regulations prescribed under this subsection, the court may, in its discretion, increase the amount of the award to an amount equal to not more than 3 times the amount available under the subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

- 20. Plaintiff and each class member suffered damages as a result of receipt of the faxes, in the form of paper and ink or toner consumed as a result. Furthermore, plaintiff's statutory right of privacy was invaded.
 - 21. Plaintiff and each class member is entitled to statutory damages.
 - 22. Defendants violated the TCPA even if their actions were only negligent.

23. Defendants should be enjoined from committing similar violations in the future.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 24. Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 23(a) and (b)(3), plaintiff brings this claim on behalf of a class, consisting of (a) all persons (b) who, on or after a date four years prior to the filing of this action (28 U.S.C. §1658), (c) were sent faxes by or on behalf of defendant Sheralven Enterprises, Ltd., promoting its goods or services for sale (d) and with respect to whom defendant cannot provide evidence of express consent or an established business relationship prior to the faxing.
- 25. The class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impractical. Plaintiff alleges on information and belief that there are more than 40 members of the class.
- 26. There are questions of law and fact common to the class that predominate over any questions affecting only individual class members. The predominant common questions include:
 - a. Whether defendants engaged in a pattern of sending unlawful fax advertisements; and
 - b. Whether defendants thereby violated the TCPA.
- 27. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in handling class actions and claims involving unlawful business practices. Neither plaintiff nor plaintiff's counsel have any interests which might cause them not to vigorously pursue this action.
- 28. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the class members. All are based on the same factual and legal theories.
- 29. A class action is the superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. The interest of class members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate claims against defendants is small because it is not economically feasible to bring individual actions.

- 30. Several courts have certified class actions under the TCPA. City Select Auto Sales, Inc. v David Randall Associates, Inc. 296 F.R.D. 299 (D.N.J. 2013); Holtzman v. Turza, 08 C 2014, 2009 WL 3334909, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 95620 (N.D.Ill., Oct. 14, 2009), aff'd in relevant part, 728 F.3d 682 (7th Cir. 2013); Sadowski v. Med I Online, LLC, 07 C 2973, 2008 WL 2224892, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 41766 (N.D.III., May 27, 2008); CE Design Ltd. v Cy's Crabhouse North, Inc., 259 F.R.D. 135 (N.D.III. 2009); Targin Sign Sys. v Preferred Chiropractic Ctr., Ltd., 679 F. Supp. 2d 894 (N.D.III. 2010); Garrett v. Ragle Dental Lab, Inc., 10 C 1315, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 108339, 2010 WL 4074379 (N.D.III., Oct. 12, 2010); Hinman v. M & M Rental Ctr., 545 F.Supp. 2d 802 (N.D.III. 2008); Clearbrook v. Rooflifters, LLC, 08 C 3276, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 72902 (N.D. III. July 20, 2010) (Cox, M.J.); G.M. Sign, Inc. v. Group C Communs., Inc., 08 C 4521, 2010 WL 744262, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 17843 (N.D. III. Feb. 25, 2010); Kavu, Inc. v. Omnipak Corp., 246 F.R.D. 642 (W.D.Wash. 2007); Display South, Inc. v. Express Computer Supply, Inc., 961 So.2d 451, 455 (La. App. 1st Cir. 2007); Display South, Inc. v. Graphics House Sports Promotions, Inc., 992 So. 2d 510 (La. App. 1st Cir. 2008); Lampkin v. GGH, Inc., 146 P.3d 847 (Ok. App. 2006); ESI Ergonomic Solutions, LLC v. United Artists Theatre Circuit, Inc., 203 Ariz. (App.) 94, 50 P.3d 844 (2002); Core Funding Group, LLC v. Young, 792 N.E.2d 547 (Ind.App. 2003); Critchfield Physical Therapy v. Taranto Group, Inc., 293 Kan. 285; 263 P.3d 767 (2011); Karen S. Little, L.L.C. v. Drury Inns. *Inc.*, 306 S.W.3d 577 (Mo. App. 2010).
- 31. Management of this class action is likely to present significantly fewer difficulties that those presented in many class actions, e.g. for securities fraud.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff requests that the Court enter judgment in favor of plaintiff and the class and against defendants for:

- a. Actual damages;
- b. Statutory damages;
- c. An injunction against the further transmission of unlawful fax advertising;

- d. Costs of suit;
- e. Such other or further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DATED: October 23, 2016

STERN•THOMASSON LLP Representing Plaintiff, Medicine to Go Pharmacies, Inc. and all others similarly situated

<u>s/Andrew T. Thomasson</u> Andrew T. Thomasson

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO LOCAL CIVIL RULE 11.2

I, Andrew T. Thomasson, hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge that the matter in controversy is <u>not</u> the subject of any other action pending in any court, or of any pending arbitration or administrative proceeding.

DATED: October 23, 2016

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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

Please be advised that all rights relating to attorney's fees have been assigned to

counsel.

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<u>s/ Andrew T. Thomasson</u> Andrew T. Thomasson **DOCUMENT PRESERVATION DEMAND**

Plaintiffs hereby demand that each defendant take affirmative steps to preserve all

recordings, data, documents, and all other tangible things that relate to plaintiffs, the events

described herein, and any account or number or symbol relating to them. These materials are likely

very relevant to the litigation of this claim. If defendants are aware of any third party that has

possession, custody, or control of any such materials, plaintiffs demand that defendants request that

such third party also take steps to preserve the materials. This demand shall not narrow the scope

of any independent document preservation duties of the defendants.

DATED:

October 23, 2016

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EXHIBIT A

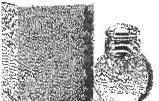
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SHERALVEN ENTERPRISES LTD. Fine Fragrances & Perfumes

FRAGRANCE & PERFUME SPECIALS

March 23-29, 2015

ITEM # DESCRIPTION	SIZE	RETAIL	% OFF	PRICE	QTY
LADIES FRAGRANO	ES				
0100389 ANGEL by THIERRY MUGLER -EDP SPRAY	.8 OZ	\$80.00	52%	\$38.25	
0048445 BURBERRY BRIT RHYTHM - EDT SPRAY	1.6 OZ	\$70.00	65%	\$24.20	
0043693 CK DOWNTOWN - EDP SPRAY	1.7 OZ.	\$65.00	68%	\$20.80	
0139327 CHLOE by CHLOE EDP SPRAY	1.7 OZ	\$105.00	56%	\$46.70	
0102741 COOL WATER by DAVIDOFF -EDT SPRAY	1.7 OZ	\$52.00	70%	\$15.65	
0114270 DOLCE & GABBANA LIGHT BLUE - EDT SPRAY	.84 OZ	\$50.00	50%	\$25.05	
0103786 ETERNITY by CALVIN KLEIN - EDP SPRAY	1.7 OZ.	\$60.00	69%	\$18.55	
0114355 GLOW by J.LO - EDT SPRAY	1 OZ	\$39.50	72%	\$11.00	
0975512 GUCCI GUILTY - EDT SPRAY	1.6 OZ	\$77.00	56%	\$34.20	
0121353 GUESS - EDP SPRAY	1.7 OZ	\$49.00	73%	\$13.20	
0057126 ЛММY CHOO EDP SPRAY	1.3 OZ	\$58.00	58%	\$24.50	
0105711 L'AIR DUTEMPS by NINA RICCI-EDT SPRAY	1.7 OZ.	\$62.00	57%	\$26.45	
0992939 MARC JACOBS DAISY - EDT SPRAY	1.7 OZ.	\$76.00	49%	\$38.50	
0970678 PINK SUGAR SENSUAL by AQUOLINA- EDT SPRAY	3.4 OZ.	\$60.00	68%	\$19.40	
0078640 VERSACE YELLOW DIAMOND INTENSE - EDP SPRAY	1.7 OZ.	\$90.00	58%	\$37.60	
MEN'S FRAGRANC	ES			•	
0200201 ACQUA DI GIO by GIORGIO ARMANI - EDT SPRAY	1.7 OZ.	\$65.00	41%	\$38.60	
0218350 DIRTY ENGLISH by JUICY COUTURE- EDT SPRAY	3.4 ()%	\$70.00	76%	\$17.10	
0217537 DOLCE & GABANNA LIGHT BLUE - EDT SPRAY	2.5 ()%	\$62.00	44%	\$34.60	
0987393 GUCCI GUILTY - EDT SPRAY	1.6 OZ	\$64.00	50%	\$32.00	
0215557 GUESS MAN - EDT SPRAY	2.5 OZ	\$59.00	76%	\$14.15	
0219616 NAUTICA BLUE - EDT SPRAY	3.4 ()%	\$62.50	88%	\$7.50	
0203677 OBSESSION by CALVIN KLEIN - EDT SPRAY	2.5 ()%.	\$60.00	61%	\$23.25	
0048919 POLO RED by RALPH LAUREN EDT SPRAY	2.5 ()%.	\$63.00	42%	\$36.55	
0970982 VERSACE MAN EAU FRAICHE-EDTSPRAY	1.7 OZ.	\$59.00	50%	\$29.30	
0000108 YSL L'HOMME LIBRE EDT SPRAY	2 OZ	\$65.00	49%	\$33.40	
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